

TO:	Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM:	Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
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TITLE:	Consent Motion approving amendments to Interlocal Agreements – Local Option Gas Tax – Broward County

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a consent motion to accept annual amendments to Interlocal Agreements with Broward County for 1) original local option gas tax, 2) additional local option gas tax on motor fuel and 3) local option gas tax on motor fuel for transit, in substantially the form attached.

Background

I. <u>Original Local Option Gas Tax</u> – Since 1988, the City has been receiving a share of the six cents Local Option Gas Taxes levied by Broward County under the terms of Interlocal Agreements. Pursuant to State Law, the tax must be utilized for transportation-related purposes and extended annually by agreement with one or more of the municipalities representing a majority of the incorporated population within the county. Since inception of the agreement, the County has retained 62.5% of the proceeds and distributed the remaining 37.5% to the municipalities based upon population estimates by the University of Florida.

For the next fiscal year, based upon Fort Lauderdale's estimated population of 170,065, the City will receive 3.603039% of the amount of the tax collected in the County per the proposed amendment.

II. <u>Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel</u> – In 1994, the County adopted an additional three cents tax on each gallon of motor fuel. Unlike the gas tax above, tax on motor fuel sales are limited to vehicular fuels only. When the tax was increased, the County agreed to allocate about half of the three cents to the municipalities on a basis of population. The actual percentage distributed to cities has been adjusted upward over the years due to annexations; however, there were no annexations of populated areas effective September 2012, consequently the municipalities' share of the three cents gas tax will remain the same as last year at 51.27%.

For the next fiscal year, based upon an estimated population of 170,065, the City will receive 4.926076% of the amount of the tax collected in the County per the proposed amendment.

III. Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel for Transit - This tax became effective in January, 2001 and allows for a fixed 26% of the collections to be shared with the municipalities on a population-based share and an additional 26% to be made available to the municipalities by grant agreement for community shuttle services. Based upon a n estimated population of 170,065, the City will receive 2.498107% of the total collected by the County. Proceeds from this tax must also be used for public transportation related purposes.

Resource Impact

The estimated Local Option Gas Tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2015 is \$2,874,827.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) Exhibit 2 – Additional LOGT on Motor Fuel Exhibit 3 – LOGT on Motor Fuel for Transit

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